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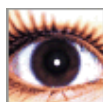
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About this Release

Qld Stats is an electronic magazine containing an overview of Queensland's key economic and social indicators presented in graphs, tables and analytical summaries with links to more detailed products. Qld Stats also contains news of seminars, releases and other matters of statistical interest for Queensland.

Qld Stats replaces Queensland Key Statistics (cat. no. 1388.3) and Statistical Update, Queensland (cat. no. 1316.3). These two products have been discontinued.

Qld Stats is issued monthly, after the release of Labour Force data, with tables and graphs updated to the latest available data. Analytical summaries are included when available.

Readers can get further information, including Explanatory Notes, on each of the topics by using the links to source materials contained on each page.

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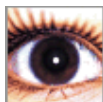
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NatStats 2010 Conference



NatStats 2010 Conference

15-17 September 2010 Darling Harbour Sydney

Registrations Now Open!

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is pleased to announce that registrations are now open for the NatStats 2010 Conference.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics, through its initiative, the National Statistical Service, aims to improve the use and understanding of statistics for Australians.

NatStats 2010 will be held from 15 - 17 September 2010 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. The conference aims to build on the enthusiasm generated by the inaugural NatStats conference held in 2008.

The overall theme for the conference is "Measuring what counts: economic development, wellbeing and progress in 21st century Australia", which will explore drivers of economic and related social change that are shaping Australia's progress. Conference speakers will highlight the importance of statistics in understanding and responding to these challenges.

As a participant in the NatStats 2010 Conference, you will have the opportunity to contribute your ideas for improving the Australian statistical system for the future.

Dr Ken Henry AC, Secretary to the Commonwealth Treasury, will deliver the opening plenary address at the conference and the Hon Dr Geoff Gallop AC, Director of the Graduate School of Government at the University of Sydney, will deliver a presentation focused around improving the wellbeing of Australians.

Prof Paul Cheung, Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, will also be speaking as part of a detailed panel discussion titled, "Measuring progress: from theory to practice", alongside Dr David Gruen, Director of the Macro-Economic Group at the Treasury.

Other NatStats 2010 speakers include Ms Jane Halton PSM, Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing who will speak on the role of statistics in health; and Mr Paul McClintock AO, Chairman of the COAG Reform Council, who will be speaking about the measurement of disadvantage, inequality, and social inclusion. In addition, Ms Martine Durand, Chief Statistician and Director of the OECD Statistics Directorate, and Mr Phil Lowe, Assistant Governor (Economic) of the Reserve Bank of Australia, will together examine some of the changes we can expect to witness in the global economy and the implication for Australia.

For a full list of confirmed speakers, program and registration information, please visit <http://blog.abs.gov.au/blog/natstats.nsf> or email natstats@nss.gov.au.

NatStats 2010 Event Details

Date: Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 September 2010

Venue: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour

Cost: \$995 Full Fee

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Forward Work Program 2010-11 to 2013-14

Forward Work Program, 2010-11 to 2013-14 (cat. no. 1006.0) was released on 22 June 2010.

The ABS Forward Work Program (FWP) is produced annually and is one of the suite of ABS corporate publications.

The FWP provides background information about statistical and non-statistical programs across the ABS, their objectives and the outputs they produce. It includes details of past and current resource usage, and details developments in the work program for each of the statistical and non-statistical programs over the next four years. The FWP covers all programs in the ABS, across Central Office (Canberra) and all eight state and territory regional offices.

What's New in Regional Statistics, June 2010

What's New in Regional Statistics, June 2010 (cat. no. 1386.0) was released on 23 June 2010.

'What's New in Regional Statistics' is a biannual newsletter about regional and small area statistics. It includes topical articles and reviews of relevant ABS publications. 'What's New in Regional Statistics' highlights developments in statistics relevant to regions, including metropolitan, urban, non-urban and rural areas, and other information of likely interest to researchers, policy makers, and other users of small area data. Interested readers are invited to visit the Regional theme page on the ABS website for links to other related information.

Methodological News, June 2010

Methodological News, June 2010 (cat. no. 1504.0) was released on 25 June 2010.

The Methodological News is a quarterly information bulletin from the Methodology and Data Management Division. The newsletter features articles and developments in relation to work done with the division.

Age Matters, June 2010

Age Matters, June 2010 (cat. no. 4914.0.55.001) was released on 29 June 2010.

This newsletter provides the latest ABS news, releases, findings and upcoming events, concerning statistics on older people.

Education News, July 2010

Education News, July 2010 (cat. no. 1330.0) was released on 7 July 2010.

This newsletter highlights the latest curriculum related teaching resources, student activities and statistical tools that have been developed by ABS Education Services as well as other ABS resources that are useful for schools.

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Community Services, 2008-09

Community Services, 2008-09 (cat. no. 8696.0) was released on 24 June 2010.

This publication contains summary data on expenditure on community service activity by government and private sector organisations. These data are compiled from a directly collected survey conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Data are presented by type of community service activity, State and Territory and profit status. This publication also contains data on income, expenditure, employment and volunteers in the following community services sectors: aged care residential services, other residential care services, child care services and other social assistance services.

Some data for Queensland:

- In the 2008-09 financial year, there were a total of 246 aged care residential services, businesses or organisations,
- In the 2008-09 financial year, there were a total of 954 child care services.
- Aged care services received \$1355.3 million in government funding and child care services received \$426.1 million.

Australian Social Trends, Jun 2010

The latest edition of Australian Social Trends (cat. no. 4102.0) was released on 30 June 2010.

The publication draws together a wide range of statistics from the ABS and other official sources to provide a picture of Australian society and how it is changing over time.

For example the publication shows that:

- In the five years to June 2009, Queensland had the largest increase in population, increasing by over half a million people, or 29% of the Australian population growth.
- In 2007-08, adults in Queensland reported the lowest rates of use of green or reusable shopping bags (38%) compared with South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory who reported the highest rates (51% and 50% respectively).
- The proportion of adults who felt unsafe when alone in certain situations was lower in Queensland (23%) than the national average (26%) and considerably lower than the proportion in the Northern Territory (35%) or Western Australia (31%).

The latest edition features six articles:

- Population growth: past, present and future
- Men's health
- Child care
- Underemployment
- Who's afraid? Feelings of personal safety
- Environmental awareness and action.

The release also includes indicator spreadsheets presenting national and state summary data on population, education and other areas.

The publication is available for free download from [Australian Social Trends](#).

Measures of Australia's Progress: Regional Data

Measures of Australia's Progress (cat. no. 1370.0) (MAP) tries to answer the question: 'is life in Australia getting better?' The next edition is due for release on 15 September, 2010 as a web based publication. There will be spreadsheets containing the data used in MAP available to download and for the headline indicators state and territory data will also be available (where applicable). The publication will also include, for the first time, a slim-line brochure which highlights key information from MAP.

Australian Demographic Statistics, Dec 2009

Australian Demographic Statistics, Dec 2009 (cat. no. 3101.0) was released on 24 June 2010.

Quarterly estimates of total population for states, territories and Australia. Includes the most recent estimates of the population in five-year age groups; numbers (and some rates) of births, deaths, infant deaths, interstate and overseas movements. Quarterly and/or annual time series tables throughout. Also includes projected resident populations, projected population in households, projected number of households and projected average household size for states, territories and Australia.

Some data for Queensland:

- At 31 December 2009, Qld had an estimated resident population of 4,472,900.
- For the December 2009 quarter, Qld had interstate arrivals of 24,100 which was an 18% increase on the previous quarter.
- For the December 2009 quarter, Qld had interstate departures of 21,100 which was a 20% increase on the previous quarter.

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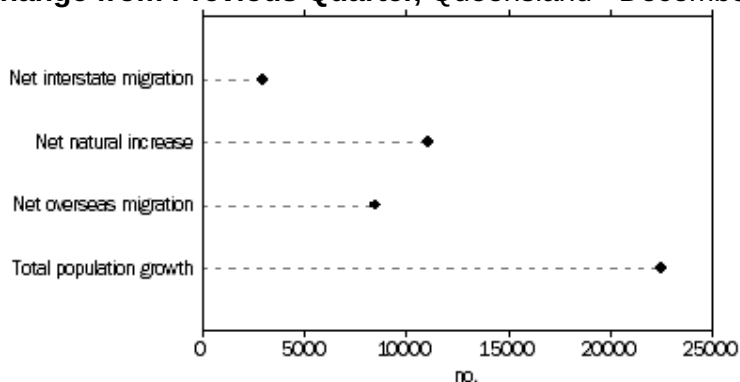
POPULATION CHANGE

Population Change, Queensland

The preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) for Queensland was 4,473,000 at 31 December 2009, an increase of 106,600 (2.4%) since 31 December 2008. Queensland's population continued to record the second-fastest growth rate behind Western Australia.

Between the September 2009 quarter and the December 2009 quarter, 49% (11,100 persons) of the total population increase of 22,500 persons was due to natural increase (excess of births over deaths), 38% (8,500 persons) was due to net overseas migration and 13% (3,000 persons) was attributed to net interstate migration.

Population Change from Previous Quarter, Queensland - December 2009 quarter



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

Further information about Queensland's population can be accessed from [Australian Demographic Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3101.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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Regional Population Growth, Queensland

At 30 June 2009, the Queensland population was estimated to be 4,425,100 persons. The south east corner comprising Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and West Moreton statistical divisions accounted for two-thirds (66%) of the state's population. During the year to June 2009, Brisbane statistical division reached the population milestone of two million, which was 45% of Queensland's population.

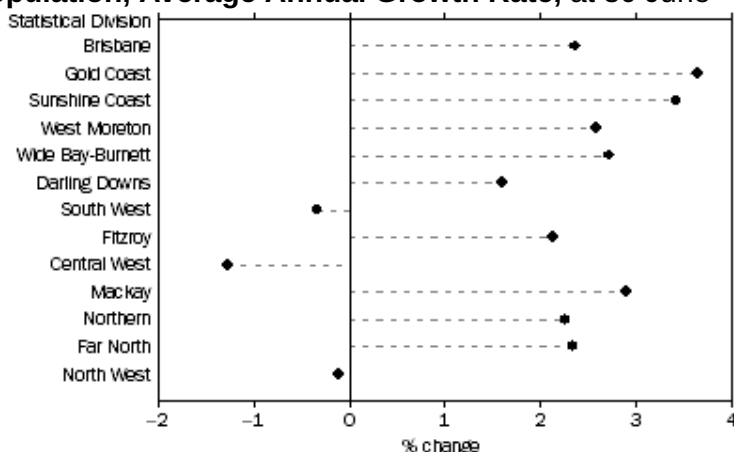
Regional Population(a), By Statistical Division - At 30 June - 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009

	2001 '000	2006 '000	2007r '000	2008r '000	2009p '000
Statistical division					
Brisbane	1 663.1	1 857.8	1 902.2	1 952.2	2 004.3
Gold Coast	387.1	466.4	484.6	499.5	515.2
Sunshine Coast	247.2	295.1	304.1	313.9	323.4
West Moreton	77.2	86.4	88.6	91.0	94.7
Wide Bay-Burnett	232.0	264.1	271.3	278.9	287.4
Darling Downs	209.0	225.8	228.8	232.4	237.2
South West	27.0	26.4	26.2	26.2	26.3
Fitzroy	186.5	206.2	210.9	215.5	220.7
Central West	13.6	12.5	12.4	12.3	12.3
Mackay	137.5	159.8	163.6	168.2	172.7
Northern	190.3	209.9	215.4	221.4	227.3
Far North	224.2	247.3	254.3	262.9	269.7
North West	34.3	33.2	33.5	34.2	34.0
Queensland	3 628.9	4 090.9	4 196.0	4 308.6	4 425.1

(a) Estimates as at 30 June are final for 2001 to 2006, revised for 2007 and 2008 and preliminary for 2009. For all years, Statistical divisions are based on the Australian Standard Geographical Classification 2009 Edition.
Source: *Regional Population Growth, Australia* (cat. no. 3218.0).

The fastest growing statistical divisions over the eight years between 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2009 were Gold Coast with an average annual growth rate of 3.6%, Sunshine Coast (3.4%) and Mackay (2.9%). Three statistical divisions recorded negative average annual growth during the same period: North West (-0.1%), South West (-0.3%) and Central West (-1.3%).

Regional Population, Average Annual Growth Rate, at 30 June - 2001 to 2009



Source: *Regional Population Growth, Australia* (cat. no. 3218.0).

For more information on Queensland's regional population distribution, please refer to [Regional Population Growth, Australia](#) (cat. no. 3218.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released annually.

Labour Force

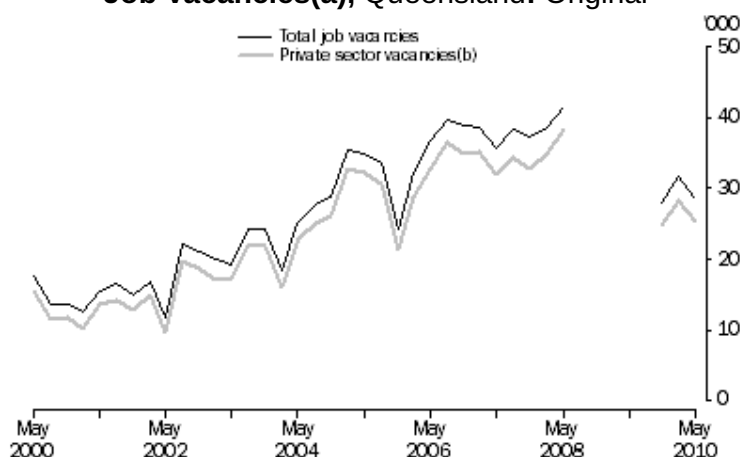
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Job Vacancies

In original terms, Queensland's total number of job vacancies decreased to 28,500 in May 2010 from 31,600 in February 2010. The May 2010 vacancies were 10% lower than in February 2010. Public sector vacancies accounted for 11% of total job vacancies in February 2010.

Job Vacancies(a), Queensland: Original



(a) A gap in series exists from August 2008 to August 2009 inclusive.
 (b) Telstra Corporation changed from the public sector to the private sector between November 2006 and February 2007.
 Source: Job Vacancies, Australia (cat. no. 6354.0).

Gap in series

This is the first issue of Job Vacancies, Australia since May 2008, due to the suspension of the Job Vacancies Survey in 2008-09.

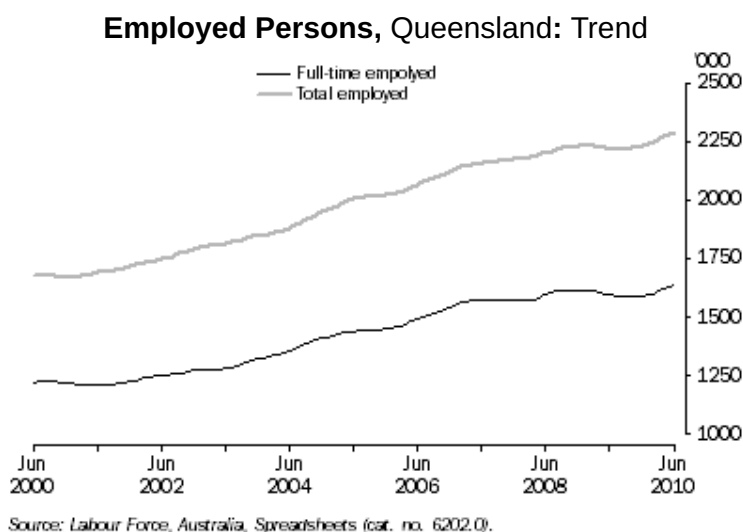
Caution should be used when comparing estimates from November 2009 onwards with estimates for May 2008 and previous periods, due to the changes outlined below:

- As a result of the suspension of the job vacancies survey, no original estimates were produced for five quarters between August 2008 and August 2009 inclusive. The ABS cannot produce reliable estimates by collecting this missing data retrospectively. As a consequence, no estimates are available for the 5 quarters.
- A new sample is being used in the job vacancies survey from November 2009, based on ANZSIC 2006 and incorporating improvements to the survey frame.
- From November 2009, industry statistics presented are on the basis of Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition. Industry data up to May 2008 are available only on an ANZSIC 1993 basis. For further details, see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 20 to 22 in Job Vacancies, Australia.

Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Job Vacancies](#), Australia (cat. no. 6354.0).

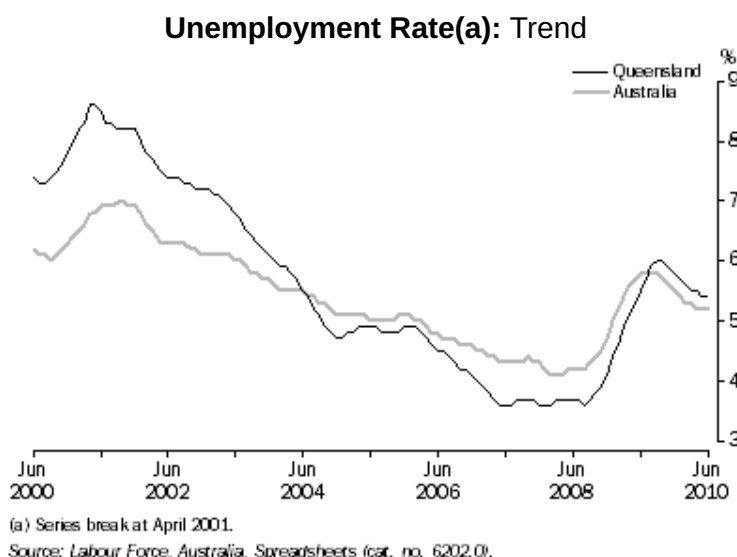
Employed Persons

In June 2010, total employment in Queensland in trend terms rose 0.3% to 2,292,500 persons, the eleventh monthly rise following six consecutive monthly decreases. Full-time employed persons (1,638,700) accounted for 71% of total employed persons. Males accounted for 64% of full-time employed persons and 54% of total employed persons. Females accounted for 36% of full-time employed persons and 46% of total employed persons.



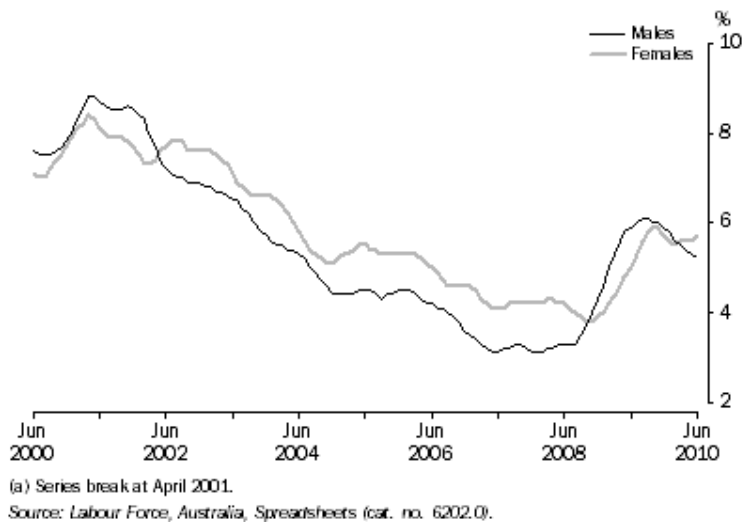
Unemployment

The trend estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Queensland for June 2010 was 130,900 persons. This equates to an unemployment rate of 5.4%. In trend estimate terms, the Queensland unemployment rate has fallen or been steady for the last eight months (from November 2009). Queensland's unemployment rate has been higher than the national rate since June 2009.



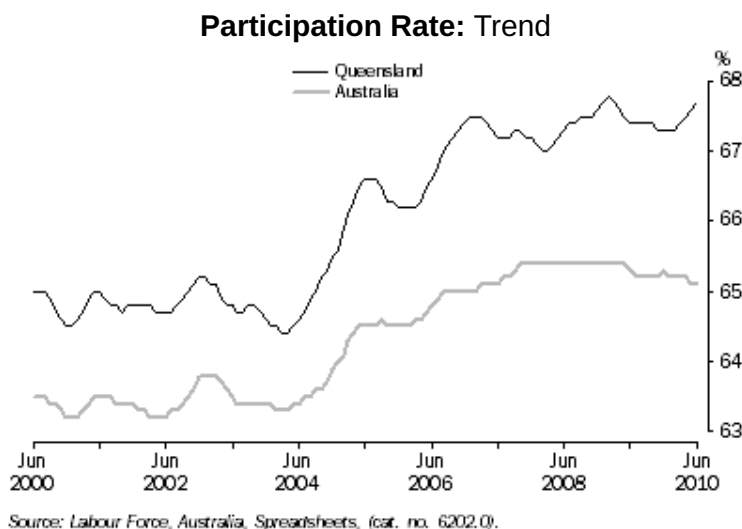
In Queensland in June 2010, the male unemployment rate was 5.2% and the female unemployment rate was 5.7%. From November 2008 to February 2010, female unemployment rates were lower than male unemployment rates, but since then the male unemployment rate has been lower.

Unemployment Rate(a), Queensland: Trend



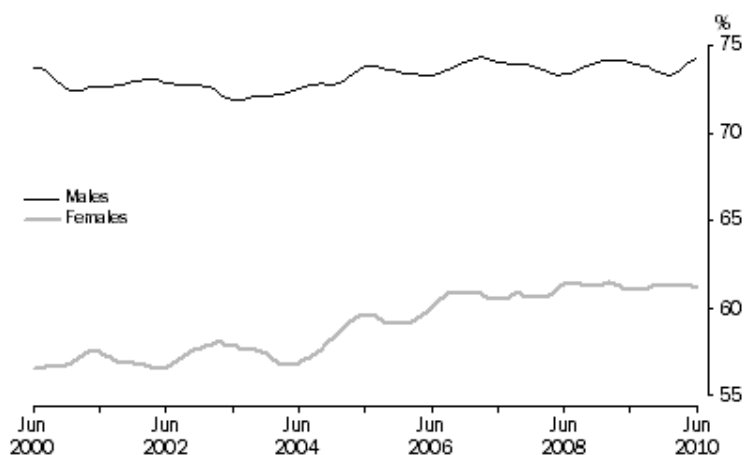
Participation Rate

The trend estimate of the participation rate for Queensland in June 2010 rose 0.1% to 67.7%. This rate is 2.7 percentage points higher than in June 2000. Queensland has recorded participation rates equal to or higher than the national average since September 1988.



For Queensland, the trend participation rate for females has been over 60% since June 2006 and recorded 61.2% in June 2010. This is a 4.6 percentage points increase over the female participation rate recorded in June 2000. The male participation rate in June 2010 was 74.3% which was 0.6 percentage points lower than the rate recorded for June 2000.

Participation Rate, Queensland: Trend



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets (cat. no. 6202.0).

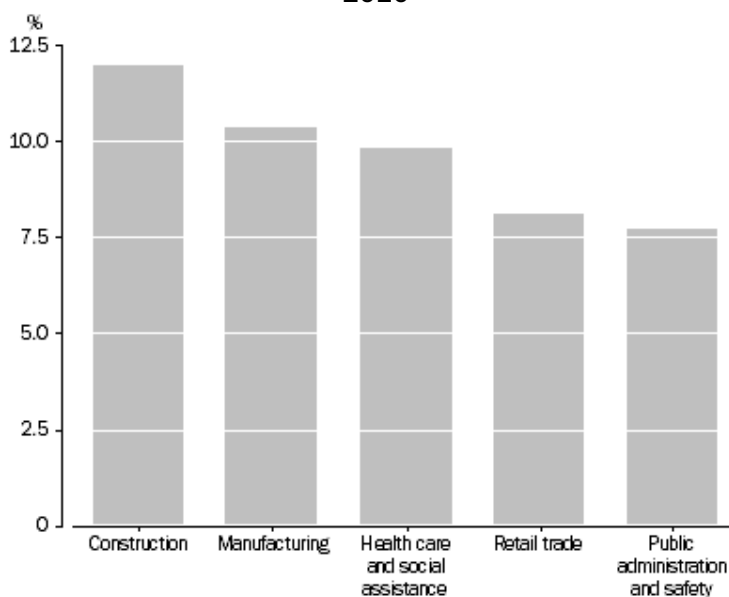
Further information on these topics can be accessed at [Labour Force, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6202.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. These publications are released monthly.

Employed Persons by Industry

There were 2,286,300 employed persons in Queensland in May 2010. The five industries with the most number of employed persons were Retail trade (260,100), Health care and social assistance (257,100), Construction (230,400), Manufacturing (192,000), and Accommodation and food services (170,600). Those industries employing the least number of persons included Electricity, gas, water and waste services (28,300), Information, media and telecommunications (30,400), and Arts and recreation services (37,600).

The five industries with the most number of employed persons accounted for almost 48% of Queensland's employed persons.

Employed Persons by Industry, Percentage of total employed - Queensland: Original - May 2010



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

In the year May 2009 to May 2010, the greatest proportional increase of employed persons occurred in the Administrative and Support Services (30%). In the same period, Information Media

and Telecommunications had the greatest proportional decrease in employed persons with a reduction of 23%.

Note: Employed persons by industry has been reported in original terms and cannot be directly compared with the trend estimates reported for Labour Force.

For more detailed information on this topic, please refer to [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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RECENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS

Australian Economic Indicators, July 2010

[Australian Economic Indicators](#), July 2010 (cat. no. 1350.0) was released on 30 June 2010.

A monthly compendium of economic statistics, presenting comprehensive tables, graphs, commentaries, feature articles and technical notes. Primarily a reference document, the publication provides a broad basis for analysis and research on the Australian economy and

includes statistics that can be applied to both macro-economic and sectoral analyses. The publication contains statistics under the following headings: national accounts, international accounts, consumption and investment, production, prices, labour force and demography, incomes and labour costs, financial markets, state comparisons and international comparisons.

Government Finance Statistics, Australia 2008-09 (Replacement Content)

Government Finance Statistics, Australia, 2008-09 (cat. no. 5512.0) was released on 22 June 2010.

There have been changes to the content which have affected the data which has subsequently been updated and replaced.

This publication presents government finance statistics (GFS) on an accrual accounting basis for each jurisdiction for general government, public non-financial corporations, the non-financial public sector, public financial corporations and the total public sector as follows:

- Operating statements;
- Cash flow statements; and
- Balance sheets.

Time series of these data are available on the ABS web site for the periods 1999-2000 to 2008-09.

Some data for Queensland:

- In the 2008-09 period, the Queensland State Government spent \$9,248 million on Health, \$8,197 million on Education and \$4,643 million on Transport and communications.

International Merchandise Imports, Australia, May 2010

International Merchandise Imports, Australia, May 2010 (cat. no. 5439.0) was released on 21 June 2010.

This publication presents the total imports (international trade basis) for the reference month and the two previous months, together with commodity aggregates at the one-digit level of the Standard International Trade Classification.

Some data for Queensland:

- In May 2010 the total customs value for International merchandise imports was \$2,711 million.
- In May 2010 the customs value for International merchandise imports from Japan was \$306 million, from China \$299 million and from the USA \$255 million.

Summary of IT Use and Innovation in Australian Business, 2008-09

Summary of IT Use and Innovation in Australian Business, 2008-09 (cat. no. 8166.0) was released on 24 Jun 2010.

This electronic release contains selected summary data from the annual Business Characteristics Survey (BCS). This release presents basic outputs for Business Use of IT and Innovation in Australian Business (included in data cubes are additional data by employment size and industry). More detailed and final estimates will be released later in 2010 via Innovation in Australian

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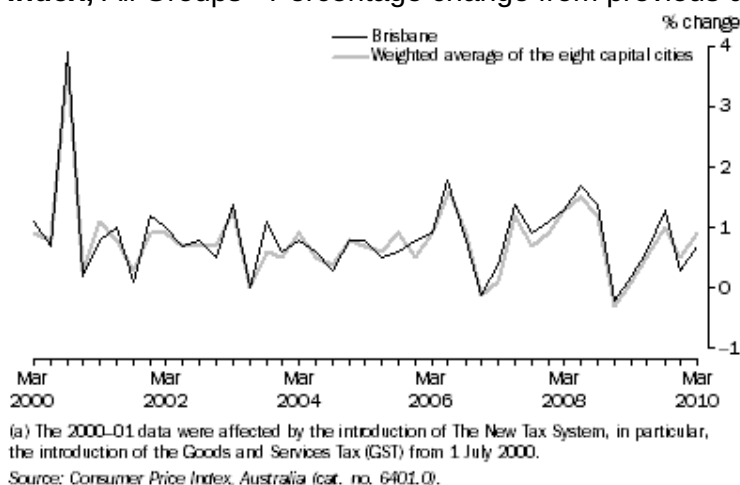
PRICES

Consumer Price Index

The all groups consumer price index (CPI) for Brisbane increased by 3.0% in the 12 months to March quarter 2010 compared with a 2.9% increase in the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Darwin recorded the highest increase of any capital city (3.5%). Perth recorded the second highest rise (3.4%) and Hobart recorded the third highest rise (3.2%).

Between the December quarter 2009 and the March quarter 2010 the Brisbane CPI increased by 0.7% compared with an increase of 0.9% for the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

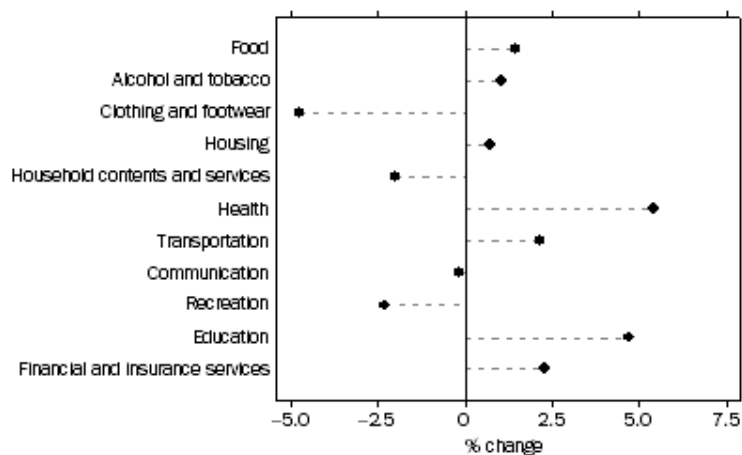
Consumer Price Index, All Groups - Percentage change from previous quarter(a): Original



In the March 2010 quarter, the majority of Brisbane price categories groups increased compared with the previous quarter. The largest increases were Health (5.4%) and Education (4.7%).

Over the same period, decreases were recorded for Clothing and footwear (-4.7%), Recreation (-2.2%) and Household contents and services (-2.0%).

CPI Movement, Brisbane, Percentage change from previous quarter: Original - March 2010 quarter



Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

For more detailed information on the consumer price index, please refer to [Consumer Price Index, Australia](#), (cat. no. 6401.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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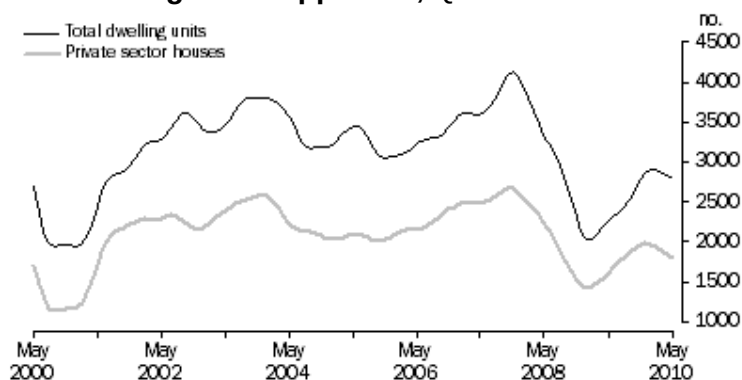
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Building Approvals

In May 2010, the total number of dwelling units approved in Queensland in trend terms was 2,800. This was a decrease of 1.7% from the previous month. The trend estimate for private sector houses was 1,800 approvals which represents 65% of total dwelling units approved.

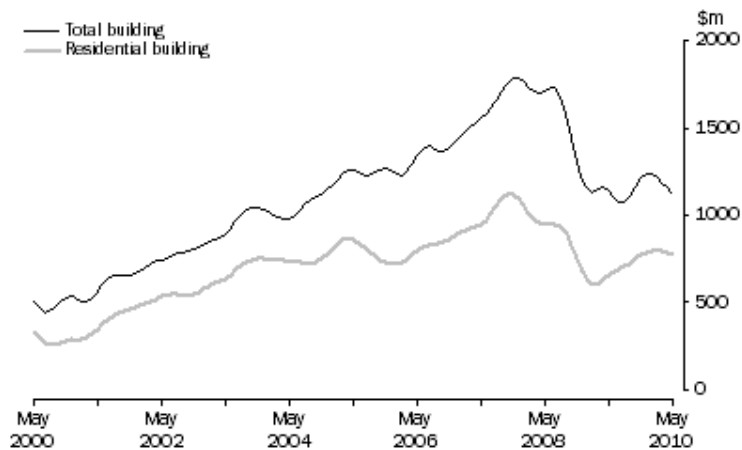
Dwelling Units Approved, Queensland: Trend



Source: Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0).

In May 2010, the total value of building approvals in trend terms was \$1,118 million, a 3.6% decrease from the previous month and a 1.9% decrease from May 2009. Residential buildings accounted for 69% of the total value of buildings.

Value of Building Approved, Queensland: Trend



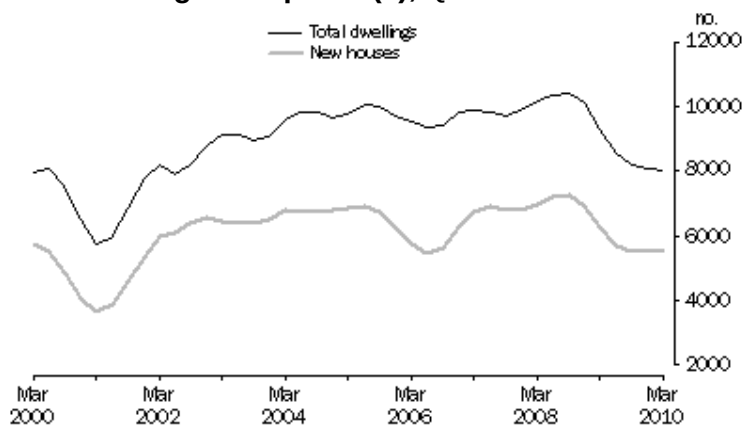
Source: Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0).

For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Approvals, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8731.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

Building Activity

In the March 2010 quarter, the total number of dwelling units completed in trend terms in Queensland was 7,984. This was a decrease of 1.4% from the December 2009 quarter. There were 5,543 new houses completed during the March 2010 quarter which represented 69% of the total number of dwelling units completed.

Dwellings Completed(a), Queensland: Trend

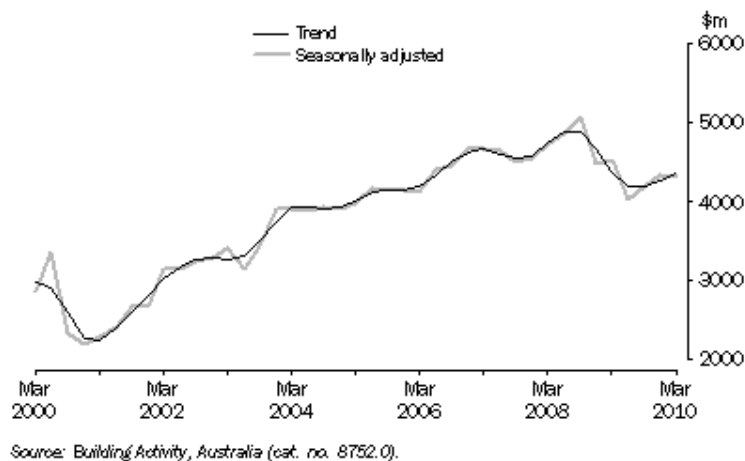


(a) Includes alterations, additions and conversions.

Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

In the March 2010 quarter, the trend estimate of the value of total building work done was \$4,361 million. This was an increase of 2.3% from the December 2009 quarter.

Value of Work Done, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland

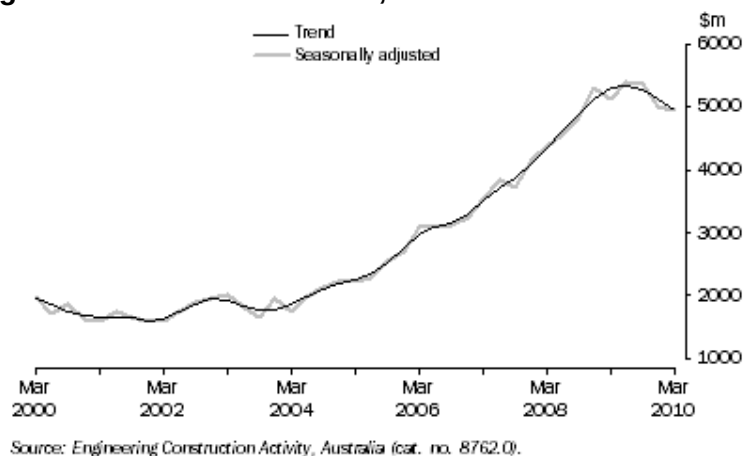


For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Activity, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8752.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

Engineering Construction

Between the December 2009 and March 2010 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of the value of engineering construction decreased by 3.4% to \$4,946 million. This is the third monthly decrease since the period of strong growth from September quarter 2003 to June quarter 2009.

Engineering Construction Work Done, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland



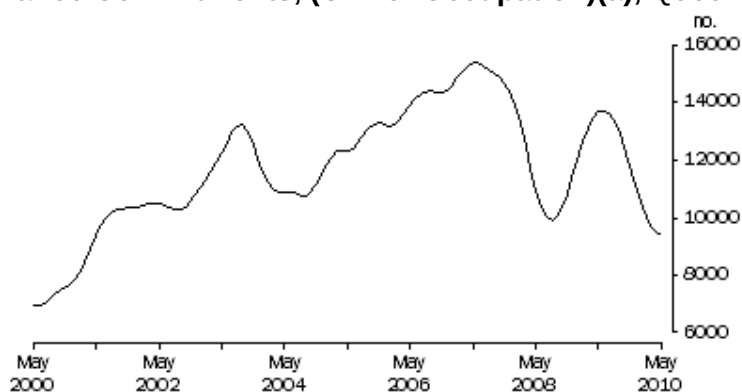
For further information on this topic, access [Engineering Construction Activity, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8762.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

HOUSING FINANCE

Housing Finance Commitments

In Queensland, the number of owner occupied housing commitments in trend estimate terms decreased to 9,356 (down 1.2%) from April 2010 to May 2010, the eleventh monthly decrease after ten consecutive monthly increases.

Housing Finance Commitments, (Owner Occupation)(a), Queensland: Trend



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.
Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

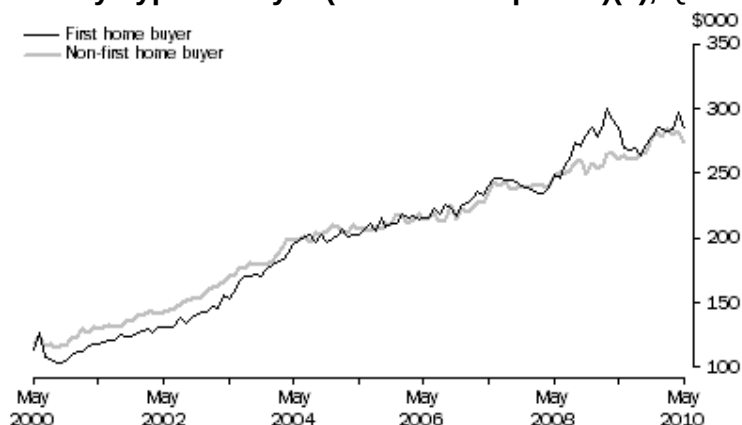
The trend estimate of the total value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in Queensland decreased by 1.6% to \$2,621 million, from April 2010 to May 2010. Over the year to May 2010, in trend estimate terms, the value of housing finance commitments showed a decrease of 29%.

Over the ten years from May 2000 to May 2010, the average home loan commitment for owner occupied dwellings in Queensland more than doubled from \$117,000 to \$276,000.

In May 2010, the average loan size for first home buyers (\$284,500) decreased 4.2% from the previous month.

The May 2010 average loan size for non-first home buyers (\$274,700) decreased 3.0% from the previous month.

Average Loan Size by Type of Buyer (Owner Occupation)(a), Queensland: Original



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.
Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

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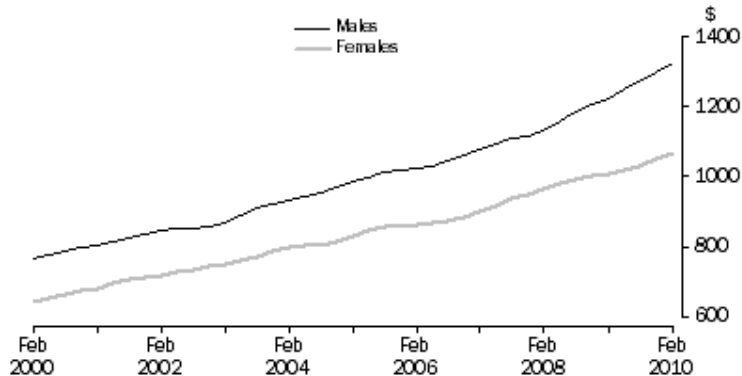
INCOMES

Average Weekly Earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adult persons in Queensland increased by 7.5% to \$1,233.20 in the 12 months to February 2010. Nationally, the corresponding increase was lower at 5.9% (up to \$1,243.10).

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adult persons in Queensland rose by 8.2% for males and 6.0% for females over the 12 months to February 2010. The February 2010 female estimate of \$1,069.30 was 81% of the corresponding male estimate of \$1,327.30.

Average Weekly Earnings, Full-Time Adult Ordinary Time, Queensland: Trend



Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

More information on average weekly earnings can be accessed at [Average Weekly Earnings, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6302.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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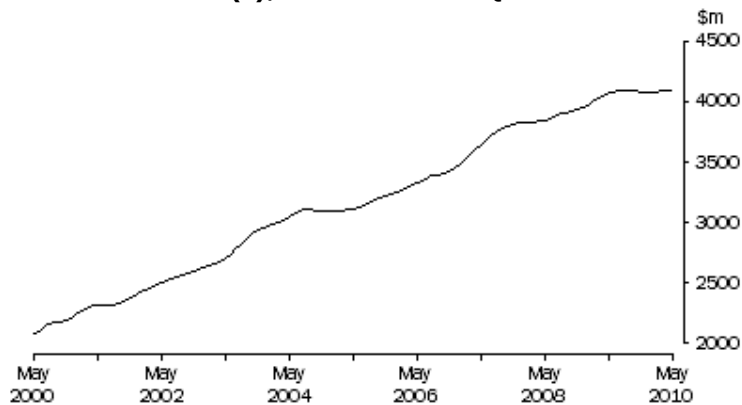
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CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

Retail Trade

The May 2010 trend estimate for Queensland's retail turnover was \$4,097 million, an increase of 0.1% from April 2010. Food retailing accounted for the greatest proportion of retail turnover in May 2010, at 42% (\$1721.4 million), followed by Household goods retailing at 17% (\$699.4 million). Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services accounted for 12% (\$495.2 million) of total retail turnover.

Retail Turnover(a), All Industries - Queensland: Trend



(a) There was a break in the trend series between June 2000 and July 2000 due to the introduction of The New Tax System.

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

Further information about this topic can be accessed at [Retail Trade, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8501.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

In seasonally adjusted terms, 9,767 new passenger vehicles and 17,941 new vehicles in total were sold in Queensland in May 2010. Corresponding sales for Australia were 51,790 and 88,484. When comparing May 2010 with April 2010, Queensland recorded a decrease of 2.5% in passenger vehicle sales. Total new vehicle sales increased by 0.1% over the same period.

In May 2000, new passenger vehicle sales accounted for 61% of total new vehicle sales in Queensland. By May 2010, the proportion for new passenger vehicle sales had fallen to 54%.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, Queensland: Seasonally Adjusted



Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia (cat. no. 9314.0).

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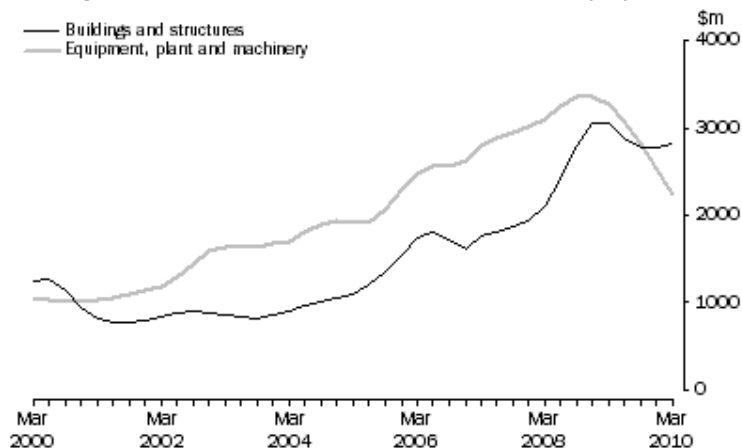
Private New Capital Expenditure

Between the December 2009 and the March 2010 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of private new capital expenditure decreased by 5.4% to \$5,030 million.

During the same period, expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery decreased by 12% to \$2,230 million while expenditure on Buildings and structures increased by 1.2% to \$2,812 million.

Comparing the March 2010 quarter with the March 2009 quarter, Queensland's total private new capital expenditure decreased by 20%. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery decreased by 32% and expenditure on Buildings and structures decreased by 7.7%.

Private New Capital Expenditure, Chain Volume Measures by quarter - Queensland: Trend



Source: Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0).

Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5625.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

Interstate Trade

Queensland's Interstate Trade

Information on this topic can be accessed at [Interstate Trade, Queensland](#) (cat. no. 8502.3) or by contacting Queensland Interstate Trade on 1800 654 467. This publication is released quarterly.

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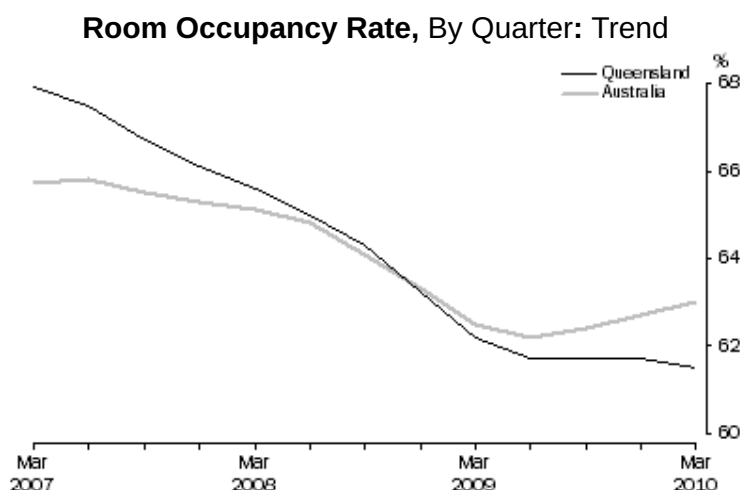
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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Queensland Hotels, Motels and Serviced Apartments with 15 or More Rooms

In the March 2010 quarter, there were 1,136 hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms. These establishments had a guest room capacity of 61,534 rooms. The trend estimate of the room occupancy rate for Queensland was 61.5%, slightly lower than the national average (63.0%).



Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (cat. no. 8635.0).

In the March 2010 quarter, Queensland hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms catered for 2.2 million guest arrivals. Queensland establishments reported the longest average length of stay for guests (2.7 days) of all states and territories. The national average was 2.3 days.

The trend estimate of Queensland total accommodation takings for hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms was \$496 million in the March 2010 quarter.

For more detailed information on Queensland's tourist accommodation, please refer to [Tourist Accommodation, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8635.0) and [Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland](#) (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication and data cube are released quarterly.

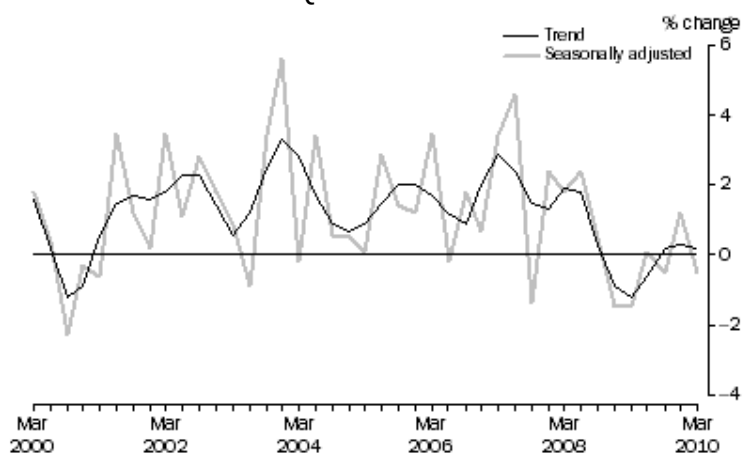
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STATE ACCOUNTS

Queensland's March quarter 2010 State Final Demand in chain volume (trend) terms was \$60,675 million, a \$106 million (0.2%) increase from the December quarter 2009. Australia's Domestic Final Demand (trend) increased 1.2% over the same period, to \$318,713 million.

State Final Demand, Chain Volume Measures - Percentage change from previous quarter: Queensland



Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0).

For more detailed information on this topic, please refer to [Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product](#) (cat. no. 5206.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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RECENT ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY STATISTICS

Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia

Value of Agricultural Commodities Produced, Australia, 2008-09 (cat. no. 7503.0).

This publication contains final estimates of gross and local values of production of major agricultural commodities for all states, territories and Australia for the year ended 30 June 2009.

Some data for Queensland:

- In 2009, the gross value of crops was \$4,884 million, the gross value for livestock slaughtering and other disposals was \$4,033 million and the gross value for livestock products was \$489 million.
- After deducting marketing costs from gross value, the local value for crops was \$4,274 million, for livestock slaughtering and other disposals was \$3,790 million and for livestock products was \$468 million.
- Sugarcane for crushing had the highest gross value of any crop at \$968 million, tomatoes had the highest agricultural value for vegetables at \$188 million and bananas had the highest agricultural value for fruit and nuts at \$390 million.
- Cattle and calves had the highest gross value for livestock slaughtering at \$3366 million and whole milk had the highest gross value for livestock products at \$293 million.

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Regular environment releases with Queensland content:

Stocks of Grain Held by Bulk Handling Companies and Grain Traders, Australia, (cat. no. 7122.0.55.001)

Livestock Products, Australia, (cat. no. 7215.0)

Livestock and Meat, Australia, (cat. no. 7218.0.55.001)

Wheat Use and Stocks, Australia, (cat. no. 7307.0)

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INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT

For information on the institutional environment of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), including the legislative obligations of the ABS, financing and governance arrangements, and mechanisms for scrutiny of ABS operations, please see ABS Institutional Environment.

Other than new motor vehicle sales and housing finance, all data published in Qld Stats is collected under the Census and Statistics Act. The New Motor Vehicle Sales statistics are compiled for publication using data provided by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI). The collection is known as VFACTS and is based on retail sales by all FCAI member companies. The ABS calculates seasonally adjusted and trend series for publication in New Motor Vehicle Sales. For housing finance, the majority of the data are collected by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) under the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001, whilst the ABS collects data from lenders not required to report to APRA.

RELEVANCE

The aim of Qld Stats is to provide information relevant to Queenslanders. Most of the data are presented at the state level. Population data from Regional Population Growth, Australia are presented annually in Qld Stats at statistical division level. Finer levels of disaggregation are available in the publication.

TIMELINESS

Data published in Qld Stats are taken from the ABS web site for each collection and these data represent the most recent available indicators in each topic group.

ACCURACY

Details on the accuracy of each series included in Qld Stats can be found in the individual source publications. Where available, the relevant Quality Declaration, Explanatory Notes or Technical Note should be referred to for specific details about data quality. Revisions can occur in source publications at some point of time after release. These revisions may or may not be reflected in Qld Stats, depending on the date of original inclusion in Qld Stats.

COHERENCE

Most series can be compared with similar series published by the ABS as definitions are uniform but careful investigation may be needed. Differences between series (where applicable) are available from the Explanatory Notes of the source publications.

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Data in Qld Stats may be shown as either original, seasonally adjusted or trend series and the types of data series are clearly stated.

Seasonal adjustment removes the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the original time series estimates. This is done to reveal the underlying non-seasonal features of the series. The smoothing of seasonally adjusted estimates to produce trend estimates reduces the impact of the volatile component of the seasonally adjusted series.

Please refer to Quality Declaration, Explanatory Notes, Glossary or Technical Note within each source publication to find further information about data sources, terminology and other aspects of the series.

ACCESSIBILITY

Qld Stats is an electronic publication containing summary information about a range of ABS releases, including links to the source publications. All ABS published data are available free of charge on the ABS web site and may include .PDF files and data cubes which often include similar data for all states and territories.

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